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For: CUTTING TOOLS AND ROUGHENED

ARTICLES USING SURFACE ROUGHENING METHODS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the January 13, 2009 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-16 are pending, with claims 1 and 5 being the only independent claims.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.